









## Announcements.

A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LTD.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED A FURTHER SUPPLY

MONTERRAT LIME FRUIT JUICE,  
CORDIALS,  
JUBUBES, and  
TABLETS.

NEW PATENT WATER FILTERS.

THE DISPENSARY.

Established A.D. 1841.

84, May 18.

The Hongkong Telegraph

TELEGRAMS.

(From Special Times)

THE NAVY AND OUR MERCHANT

SHIPPING.

LONDON, May 20th.

A special meeting was held in the City

yesterday, and Charles Hensford, president,

of the London and North Western Railway

Company, delivered a lecture on the

importance of the Navy to the

commerce of the country, and concluded

by saying that we have not one fourth of

the number of cruisers requisite.

Mr. John Bright is seriously ill.

GERMANY.

The Emperor is better again.

FRANCE AND HUNGARY.

PARIS, May 20th.

The French are highly indignant at Herr

von Schulerberg's statement, and the French

ambassador to Berlin has been requested to confer with Count

Bismarck on the subject.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

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H.M.S. *Cockchafer* left Shanghai for Hankow

on Saturday last, and was expected to be absent

for about a month.

At the Police Court yesterday, Mr. Wodehouse

fined Li Ah Sy, of 41, High Street, \$50 for

having one tail of unperfected opium.

The O. & O. Co's steamship *Belgia*, with the

American mails of May 12th, arrived in harbour

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AN Emergency meeting of St. John Lodge,

No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall,

Zetland Street, to-morrow, at 5 for 5.30 p.m.

precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

We have received from the Statistical Depart-

ment of the Inspector General of Chinese

Customs, Shanghai, another work of the valu-

able series published by order of the Inspector

General, being a List of Medicines exported

from Hankow and the other Yangtze ports with

the tariff of their approximate values, and other

interesting details, compiled by Mr. R. Braun,

Assistant Examiner of the Customs Service.

GENERAL TERRERO, late Captain-General of the

Philippine Islands, arrived here this morning

from Japan, and proceeds to Marcelline by

the *Messager*. His Excellency's stay in Manila

During His Excellency's stay in Manila

Mikado conferred on him the first-class decoration

of the Rising Sun, at the same time decorating

the members of his suite—Colonel Parrado with

the third, and Captains Vera and Cortes and

Senior R. Terrero with the fourth-class of the

Rising Sun.

REVENGE is sweet, but Tsoi Ah Fat will not

hanker after any more when he wears his own

clothes again, in the fall of the year. He

got three months this morning, a present from

Mr. Wodehouse, for being a room at 41

Queen's Road without waiting for an invitation.

He said the man there had adopted him, but

he knew not Joseph. "He was laid outside, and

in the courtyard saw the lady again, and as he

passed her, playfully tickled her with his fist till

she fell down. Once again he looked over the

spikes. Three weeks more.

It seems that the hangman's rope in America is

likely to become a long one. The gallows are

and the block which are exhibited to holiday

visitors in the armories of the Tower of London.

By a majority of no less than 87 to 8 the New

York Assembly has passed a Bill substituting in

all capital cases death by electricity, and it is

reported that the Bill will be strongly supported

in the State Senate. If the example should be

followed on the other side of the Atlantic, it

may be expected that a more scientific race of

executioners will take the place of the Berry-

and the Sansons of grim renown; for public

opinion would hardly tolerate any unskillful

application of the electric current, which

of adequate power must produce instant

death. Much is clearly to be said for the new

system. Since torture has been abolished it has

been no part of our penal code to make the

prolongation of the sufferings of criminals a

feature of capital punishment. Death by electric

shock is certainly more humane, while, regarded

as a deterrent from crime, its awful suddenness

may be said to be at least as striking to the

imagination as the more clumsy process of

breaking the neck by hanging. It is a sign of

the times that the Bill before the State Legis-

lature of New York also provides for the prohibi-

tion of the publication of details of executions in

the newspapers.

At the Police Court this afternoon a case of an

unusual character was heard. Chan Ah Sing,

of the Yee Yee shop, 97 Queen's Road East,

charged Hung Fuk Chow, an informer, with

laying a false information. Mr. Denny appeared

for the plaintiff and Mr. Wotton for the defend-

ant. Mr. Denny stated in detail that on an in-

formation sworn to by the defendant on the

25th May, he effected the arrest of the defend-

ant, and that he had been told by the defend-

ant that he was a Government contractor, and

with his brother possessed house property worth about \$12,000.

On the 25th ult. he had no prepared opium in

his house without a certificate. About ten

persons called for the opium, and the defend-

ant found nothing. To Mr. Wotton: "I do

not know the defendant, and do not know that

he had any ill-feeling against him. My brother

is a habitual opium-smoker; I do not smoke.

When my father died he did not leave any opium.

It is not a fact that on the 25th May there

was opium worth \$200 on the premises; there

was some—my brother's. The searchers

were not rough, but they went all over the

house. I have received injury through shame

at being suspected. I should be satisfied with a

public apology, and one in the papers." Mr.

Wotton apologised for the mistake, and the

opium was returned to the defendant, and he

was discharged.

A letter from Capt. Ogston, applying for an

inquiry, was read.

Captain Ogston, examined by Mr. Wilson,

said: "I am master of the British steamer

*Crusader*, the No. of my certificate is 31,133,

issued in March 1874. The name of my chief

mate is Robert Lyle. He signed articles on the

17th February, 1888. On the evening of the

20th ult., while the *Crusader* was lying in Holo,

at 6.45 o'clock my attention was drawn to a

man on deck. I called the 2nd mate and an

engineer to assist him in going to the man

lying on the deck. He was the worst for

liquor. I said 'where are you going?' He said

'I am going ashore.' I answered 'No, go

back to your cabin and go to sleep.' He had

been out of the ship during the early part of the

day. I took hold of him by the arm, and he

said 'I am going ashore.' I said 'No, go back

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